

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims reflects all claim amendments and replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application (material to be inserted in replacement paragraphs or sections is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[]]).

1. (Currently Amended) A light fixture extender adapted to be interposed a base and a diffuser of a light fixture, **where the light fixture is configured to receive a light bulb**; the light fixture extender comprising:

a first coupling region adapted to removably couple the extender with [[the]] **an outer portion of the** base of the light fixture, **wherein the outer portion of the base of the light fixture is spaced apart from the light bulb received within the light fixture**;

a second coupling region adapted to removably couple the extender with the diffuser of the light fixture; and

an extension region extending between the first coupling region and the second coupling region and configured to enable an extended-length light bulb to be contained within the diffuser.

2. (Original) The extender of claim 1, wherein the extended-length light bulb is a compact fluorescent light bulb.

3. (Original) The extender of claim 1, wherein the first coupling region includes a base mount having a lip adapted to engage a portion of the base.

4. (Original) The extender of claim 1, wherein the second coupling region includes a diffuser mount having at least one coupler configured to engage the diffuser.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The extender of claim 1, wherein the extension region includes a plurality of vents.

7. (Original) The extender of claim 6, wherein the plurality of vents are specialty designs.

8. (Original) The extender of claim 1, wherein the extension region is ring-shaped.

9. (Currently Amended) A light fixture assembly comprising: a base **having a rim, where the base is** configured to be secured to a mounting surface;

a socket **extending from the base and** adapted to receive a light bulb, **where the socket and the light bulb are independent of the rim of the base;**

a diffuser sized to substantially surround the light bulb having a mouth of sufficient size to receive the light bulb into the diffuser, wherein the diffuser is adapted to be coupled with the **rim of the** base and extends a first distance from the base; and

an extender removably interposed the base and the diffuser to extend the distance between the base and the mouth of the diffuser to accommodate a different-length light bulb.

10. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim 9, wherein the extender comprises a first coupling region having a base mount adapted to selectively couple the extender to the rim of the base.

11. (Original) The assembly of claim 10, wherein the first coupling region and the mouth of the diffuser are substantially identical.

12. (Original) The assembly of claim 9, wherein the extender comprises a second coupling region having a diffuser mount adapted to selectively couple the diffuser to the extender.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Original) The assembly of claim 9, wherein the extender includes an extension region having at least one vent.

15. (Original) The assembly of claim 9, wherein the different-length light bulb is a compact fluorescent light bulb.

16. (Currently Amended) A light fixture extender for a light fixture configured for a first light bulb of a first length, the fixture having a base and a diffuser, the extender comprising:

a base mount configured to selectively attach the extender to the base of the fixture without engaging a light bulb received within the light fixture;

a diffuser mount configured to selectively attach the extender to the diffuser; and

an extension region extending between the base mount and the diffuser mount configured to adjust the position of the diffuser relative to the base, in order to accommodate a second light bulb of a second length, wherein the length of the second light bulb exceeds the length of [[a]] the first light bulb.

17. (Original) The extender of claim 16, wherein the second light bulb is a compact fluorescent light bulb.

18. (Original) The extender of claim 16, wherein the diffuser mount includes at least one coupler adapted to engage and support the diffuser.

19. (Original) The extender of claim 16, wherein the extension region includes a plurality of vents.

20. (Currently Amended) A light fixture extender adapted to be interposed a base and a diffuser of a light fixture; the light fixture extender comprising:

a first coupling region adapted to removably couple the extender with the base of the light fixture **such that the extender independent of and not in contact with a light bulb received within the light fixture;**

a second coupling region adapted to removably couple the extender with the diffuser of the light fixture; and

an extension region extending between the first coupling region and the second coupling region, wherein the extension region includes a plurality of vents configured to allow air to circulate around a high heat-producing light bulb, thereby extending the life of the high heat-producing light bulb when the high heat-producing light bulb is used within the light fixture.